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## REMARKS

Claim 1 has been deleted without prejudice. Claims 2, 4, 6 and 9 have been amended. Claims 2-9 remain pending in this application.

The Examiner has previously indicated in Paper No. 21, that claims 2 and 4-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating features of the base claim (claim 1). Claims 2, 4, 6 and 9 have been so amended in view of the above are now considered in condition ready for allowance. This is not a narrowing amendment.

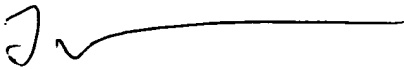
Claim 3 stands allowed.

Claim 1, rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 has been deleted without prejudice. Accordingly, all claims pending in this application are now allowed or in condition ready for allowance.

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